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Mississippi Cotton Production Unchanged From Last Month

As of December 1, 2003, cotton production in **Mississippi** is forecast at 2.10 million bales, the same as last month and up 9 percent from last year. Yield per acre is forecast at a record high 916 pounds, the same as last month, but 108 pounds more than last year. Record high yields are also expected in Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee. In the **United States**, all cotton production is forecast at 18.2 million bales, unchanged from November and 6 percent more than last year. The yield is expected to average a record high 722 pounds per harvested acre, surpassing the previous record of 708 pounds set in 1994.

All Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Selected States and United States, 2002, and Forecasted December 1, 2003

| State | Area Harvested | | Yield | | | Production ¹ | |
|----------------|----------------|----------|-------|--------|-------|--------------------------|----------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | | 2002 | 2003 |
| | | | | Nov 1 | Dec 1 | | |
| | 1,000 Acres | | | Pounds | | 1,000 Bales ² | |
| Alabama | 540.0 | 510.0 | 507 | 772 | 772 | 570.0 | 820.0 |
| Arkansas | 920.0 | 940.0 | 871 | 909 | 909 | 1,669.0 | 1,780.0 |
| California | 686.0 | 694.0 | 1,444 | 1,335 | 1,293 | 2,063.3 | 1,870.0 |
| Georgia | 1,360.0 | 1,290.0 | 557 | 800 | 800 | 1,578.0 | 2,150.0 |
| Louisiana | 495.0 | 520.0 | 717 | 895 | 942 | 739.0 | 1,020.0 |
| Mississippi | 1,150.0 | 1,100.0 | 808 | 916 | 916 | 1,935.0 | 2,100.0 |
| Missouri | 368.0 | 390.0 | 796 | 825 | 849 | 610.0 | 690.0 |
| North Carolina | 920.0 | 770.0 | 421 | 686 | 686 | 806.0 | 1,100.0 |
| Oklahoma | 180.0 | 170.0 | 557 | 565 | 536 | 209.0 | 190.0 |
| South Carolina | 200.0 | 217.0 | 314 | 730 | 730 | 131.0 | 330.0 |
| Tennessee | 530.0 | 535.0 | 741 | 772 | 772 | 818.0 | 860.0 |
| Texas | 4,518.3 | 4,419.5 | 540 | 461 | 461 | 5,082.3 | 4,240.0 |
| United States | 12,426.6 | 12,107.4 | 665 | 722 | 722 | 17,208.6 | 18,215.0 |

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned.

² 480-Lb. net weight bales.

Cotton: Cumulative Boll Counts, Selected States, 1999 - 2003 ¹

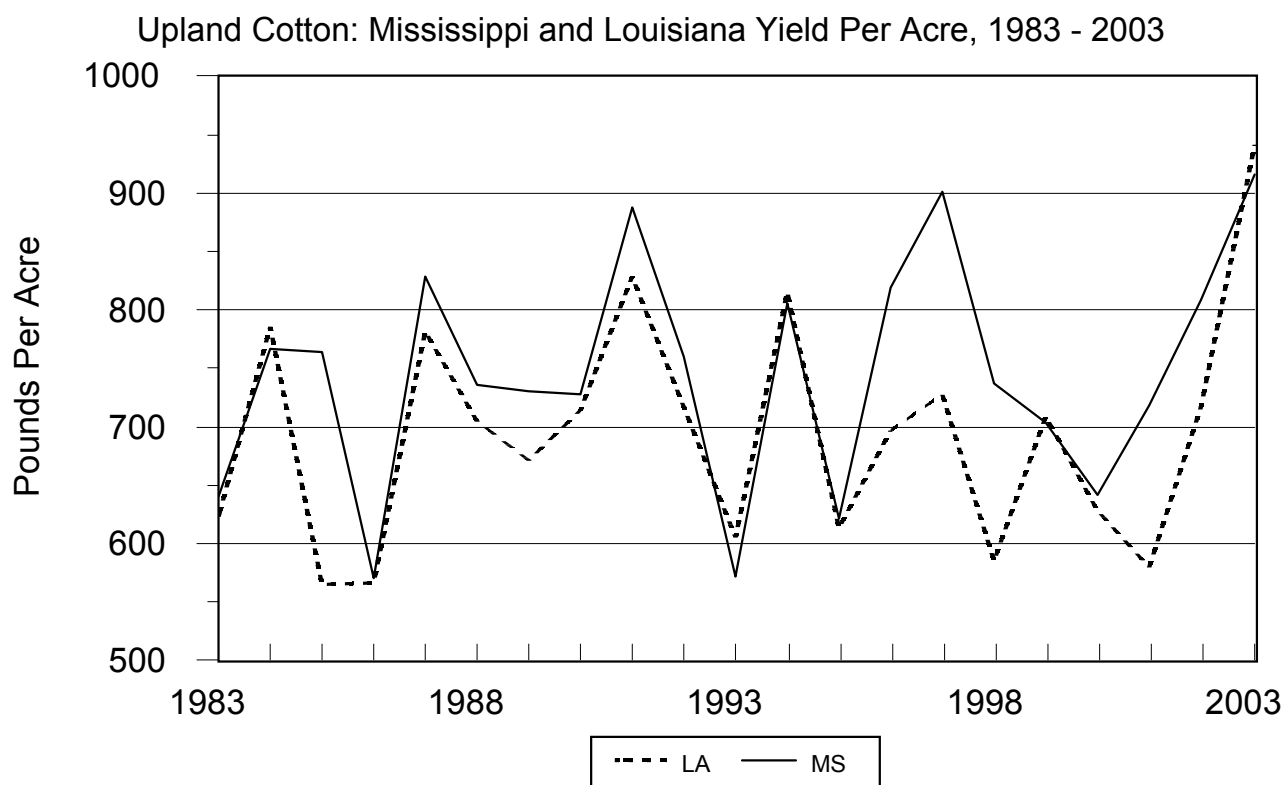
| State | Month | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Number | | | | | | |
| Arkansas | Sep | 720 | 874 | 747 | 840 | 798 |
| | Oct | 700 | 767 | 780 | 763 | 755 |
| | Nov | 693 | 755 | 816 | 784 | 744 |
| | Dec | 689 | 755 | 756 | 772 | 744 |
| | Final | 689 | 755 | 756 | 772 | |
| California | Sep | 921 | 760 | 939 | 945 | 973 |
| | Oct | 805 | 790 | 902 | 1,041 | 945 |
| | Nov | 779 | 801 | 921 | 1,009 | 893 |
| | Dec | 777 | 800 | 918 | 1,011 | 893 |
| | Final | 776 | 800 | 918 | 1,011 | |
| Georgia | Sep | 596 | 597 | 590 | 569 | 559 |
| | Oct | 582 | 631 | 677 | 604 | 646 |
| | Nov | 621 | 621 | 651 | 591 | 643 |
| | Dec | 636 | 629 | 664 | 600 | 665 |
| | Final | 632 | 629 | 664 | 608 | |
| Louisiana | Sep | 722 | 722 | 625 | 663 | 681 |
| | Oct | 743 | 692 | 592 | 756 | 778 |
| | Nov | 728 | 674 | 582 | 749 | 775 |
| | Dec | 728 | 674 | 588 | 742 | 775 |
| | Final | 728 | 674 | 588 | 742 | |
| Mississippi | Sep | 761 | 657 | 754 | 802 | 837 |
| | Oct | 803 | 665 | 696 | 783 | 824 |
| | Nov | 767 | 652 | 680 | 768 | 811 |
| | Dec | 766 | 650 | 679 | 767 | 808 |
| | Final | 766 | 650 | 679 | 767 | |
| North Carolina | Sep | 623 | 670 | 719 | 636 | 628 |
| | Oct | 646 | 724 | 722 | 629 | 630 |
| | Nov | 619 | 743 | 696 | 560 | 632 |
| | Dec | 621 | 747 | 705 | 567 | 632 |
| | Final | 622 | 747 | 705 | 564 | |
| Texas | Sep | 465 | 408 | 441 | 536 | 465 |
| | Oct | 446 | 388 | 435 | 511 | 431 |
| | Nov | 447 | 397 | 439 | 520 | 429 |
| | Dec | 455 | 404 | 445 | 497 | 435 |
| | Final | 456 | 448 | 445 | 497 | |

¹ Includes small bolls (less than one inch in diameter), large unopened bolls (at least one inch in diameter), open bolls, partially opened bolls, and burrs, per 40 feet or row. November, December, and Final exclude small bolls.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to December 1,
by State and United States, Crop Years 2000 - 2003**

| Crop and State | Running Bales Ginned | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
| All Cotton | | | | |
| Alabama | 467,850 | 641,950 | 427,000 | 627,850 |
| Arizona | 414,500 | 431,250 | 397,300 | 290,450 |
| Arkansas | 1,384,950 | 1,715,000 | 1,501,150 | 1,609,150 |
| California | 1,744,800 | 1,521,450 | 1,326,750 | 1,118,150 |
| Florida | 76,550 | 105,600 | 44,900 | 96,800 |
| Georgia | 1,193,700 | 1,518,150 | 1,029,400 | 1,427,900 |
| Kansas ¹ | | | | 16,500 |
| Louisiana | 914,350 | 1,019,550 | 716,800 | 1,023,500 |
| Mississippi | 1,667,100 | 2,127,550 | 1,691,850 | 1,983,700 |
| Missouri | 499,100 | 635,050 | 534,750 | 580,950 |
| New Mexico | 49,750 | 53,500 | 34,850 | 36,000 |
| North Carolina | 969,950 | 1,080,250 | 578,150 | 729,500 |
| Oklahoma | 121,900 | 130,100 | 132,650 | 117,450 |
| South Carolina | 296,150 | 344,950 | 82,300 | 209,600 |
| Tennessee | 685,450 | 903,400 | 723,250 | 739,350 |
| Texas | 3,023,450 | 3,207,900 | 3,084,200 | 2,790,750 |
| Virginia | 109,550 | 128,500 | 62,350 | 79,600 |
| United States | 13,619,100 | 15,564,150 | 12,367,650 | 13,477,200 |

¹ December 1 estimates began in 2003.



Chicken Eggs in Incubators: by Region and United States, November 1, 2002 - 2003

| Geographic Division | Broiler-Type | | | Egg-Type | | |
|---------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2003/2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003/2002 |
| | 1,000 | | Percent | 1,000 | | Percent |
| North Atlantic | 10,651 | 11,238 | 106 | 3,966 | 5,002 | 126 |
| East North Central | 7,875 | 8,212 | 104 | 6,458 | 5,715 | 88 |
| West North Central | 16,971 | 19,494 | 115 | 5,912 | 7,123 | 120 |
| South Atlantic | 215,964 | 215,752 | 100 | 4,430 | 2,040 | 46 |
| South Central | 299,739 | 310,819 | 104 | 4,705 | 4,827 | 103 |
| West | 22,940 | 22,531 | 98 | 4,464 | 4,759 | 107 |
| United States | 574,140 | 588,046 | 102 | 29,935 | 29,466 | 98 |

Layers and Eggs Production, by Selected States and United States, October 2002 - 2003

| State | All Layers on Hand ¹ | | Table Eggs ² | | Hatching Eggs ² | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 |
| | 1,000 | | | Million Eggs | | |
| Alabama | 9,816 | 9,436 | 52 | 48 | 137 | 135 |
| Arkansas | 14,667 | 14,778 | 103 | 97 | 171 | 188 |
| Florida | 10,826 | 10,926 | 226 | 237 | 11 | 9 |
| Georgia | 20,330 | 20,200 | 249 | 259 | 179 | 173 |
| Mississippi | 6,714 | 6,760 | 42 | 44 | 92 | 90 |
| North Carolina | 10,725 | 10,576 | 81 | 83 | 131 | 128 |
| Oklahoma | 4,091 | 4,046 | 47 | 45 | 32 | 33 |
| South Carolina | 5,308 | 5,408 | 101 | 101 | 19 | 19 |
| Virginia | 2,902 | 2,990 | 31 | 27 | 29 | 32 |
| United States | 338,159 | 333,251 | 6,345 | 6,335 | 1,067 | 1,057 |

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, October 2002 - 2003

| State | October | | | January-October | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 as % of 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 as % of 2002 |
| | 1,000 | | Percent | 1,000 | | Percent |
| Alabama | 100,667 | 101,931 | 101 | 1,049,753 | 1,030,187 | 98 |
| Arkansas | 103,526 | 108,555 | 105 | 1,082,204 | 1,094,623 | 101 |
| Florida | 8,080 | 4,977 | 62 | 83,157 | 52,538 | 63 |
| Georgia | 107,333 | 113,040 | 105 | 1,126,295 | 1,141,120 | 101 |
| Kentucky | 22,331 | 23,397 | 105 | 235,241 | 239,949 | 102 |
| Mississippi | 64,973 | 65,873 | 101 | 683,081 | 692,807 | 101 |
| North Carolina | 61,273 | 60,023 | 98 | 668,568 | 646,769 | 97 |
| Texas | 53,164 | 51,365 | 97 | 547,477 | 530,157 | 97 |
| United States | 720,564 | 734,801 | 102 | 7,635,073 | 7,591,437 | 99 |

United States Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, October 2002 - 2003

| Item | Sales Volume | | Average Price | | Ending Inventory | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|------|------------------|--------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 |
| | 1,000 Pounds | | Dollars Per Pound | | 1,000 Pounds | |
| Fresh | | | | | | |
| Whole Fish | 3,822 | 3,231 | 1.28 | 1.36 | 196 | 183 |
| Fillets ¹ | 5,420 | 6,082 | 2.52 | 2.49 | 498 | 495 |
| Other ² | 1,596 | 1,361 | 1.48 | 1.58 | 105 | 117 |
| Total Fresh | 10,838 | 10,674 | 1.93 | 2.03 | 799 | 795 |
| Frozen | | | | | | |
| Whole Fish | 1,328 | 1,383 | 1.85 | 1.84 | 769 | 936 |
| Fillets ¹ | 11,622 | 10,924 | 2.38 | 2.39 | 6,659 | 6,706 |
| Other ² | 4,012 | 4,894 | 1.50 | 1.37 | 2,759 | 2,524 |
| Total Frozen | 16,962 | 17,201 | 2.13 | 2.06 | 10,187 | 10,166 |
| Total Fresh & Frozen | 27,800 | 27,875 | 2.05 | 2.05 | 10,986 | 10,961 |

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2002 - 2003

| Month | Round Weight Processed | | | | Average Price Paid to Producers ¹ | | Imports of Catfish ² | |
|-----------|------------------------|--------|------------|---------|--|------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Monthly | | Cumulative | | | | | |
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 |
| | 1,000 Pounds | | | | Dollars Per Pound | | 1,000 Pounds | |
| January | 52,551 | 55,523 | 52,551 | 55,523 | .549 | .529 | 1,037 | 1,322 |
| February | 52,856 | 55,461 | 105,407 | 110,984 | .555 | .544 | 1,048 | 260 |
| March | 58,340 | 65,007 | 163,747 | 175,991 | .565 | .585 | 414 | 332 |
| April | 50,694 | 57,105 | 214,441 | 233,096 | .561 | .630 | 618 | 272 |
| May | 52,902 | 58,424 | 267,343 | 291,520 | .574 | .618 | 1,491 | 703 |
| June | 49,450 | 52,441 | 316,793 | 343,961 | .588 | .586 | 982 | 893 |
| July | 52,363 | 54,089 | 369,156 | 398,050 | .590 | .564 | 957 | 435 |
| August | 54,383 | 54,153 | 423,539 | 452,203 | .582 | .552 | 632 | 135 |
| September | 53,366 | 51,885 | 476,905 | 504,088 | .576 | .560 | 670 | 150 |
| October | 56,576 | 57,652 | 533,481 | 561,740 | .568 | .567 | 572 | |
| November | 50,072 | | 583,553 | | .560 | | 874 | |
| December | 47,048 | | 630,601 | | .544 | | 906 | |

¹ Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price excludes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Pecans Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States,
2001 - 2002 and Forecasted December 1, 2003

| Crop and State | Utilized Production | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
| | 1,000 Pounds | | |
| Improved Varieties ¹ | | | |
| Alabama | 10,000 | 4,000 | 7,000 |
| Arizona | 21,000 | 16,000 | 23,500 |
| Arkansas ² | 1,950 | 1,200 | 1,800 |
| California ² | 3,700 | 3,800 | 3,700 |
| Florida ² | 1,200 | 500 | 500 |
| Georgia | 85,000 | 42,000 | 50,000 |
| Louisiana | 3,500 | 2,000 | 5,000 |
| Mississippi ² | 3,000 | 2,100 | 3,500 |
| New Mexico | 60,000 | 36,000 | 55,000 |
| North Carolina ² | 2,700 | 1,500 | 2,100 |
| Oklahoma | 2,000 | 1,500 | 2,000 |
| South Carolina ² | 2,500 | 120 | 1,300 |
| Texas | 50,000 | 20,000 | 49,000 |
| United States | 246,550 | 130,720 | 204,400 |
| Native & Seedling | | | |
| Alabama | 5,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Arkansas ² | 650 | 500 | 1,500 |
| Florida ² | 2,100 | 900 | 1,600 |
| Georgia | 25,000 | 3,000 | 10,000 |
| Kansas ² | 2,200 | 2,900 | 2,300 |
| Louisiana | 10,500 | 4,000 | 10,000 |
| Mississippi ² | 1,500 | 900 | 1,500 |
| North Carolina ² | 500 | 400 | 400 |
| Oklahoma | 18,000 | 8,500 | 10,000 |
| South Carolina ² | 1,500 | 80 | 200 |
| Texas | 25,000 | 20,000 | 21,000 |
| United States | 91,950 | 42,180 | 59,500 |
| All Pecans | | | |
| Alabama | 15,000 | 5,000 | 8,000 |
| Arizona | 21,000 | 16,000 | 23,500 |
| Arkansas ² | 2,600 | 1,700 | 3,300 |
| California ² | 3,700 | 3,800 | 3,700 |
| Florida ² | 3,300 | 1,400 | 2,100 |
| Georgia | 110,000 | 45,000 | 60,000 |
| Kansas ² | 2,200 | 2,900 | 2,300 |
| Louisiana | 14,000 | 6,000 | 15,000 |
| Mississippi ² | 4,500 | 3,000 | 5,000 |
| New Mexico | 60,000 | 36,000 | 55,000 |
| North Carolina ² | 3,200 | 1,900 | 2,500 |
| Oklahoma | 20,000 | 10,000 | 12,000 |
| South Carolina ² | 4,000 | 200 | 1,500 |
| Texas | 75,000 | 40,000 | 70,000 |
| United States | 338,500 | 172,900 | 263,900 |

¹ Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

² Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Selected State and United States
October 2003 with Comparisons ¹

| State | October 2002 | September 2003 | October 2003 | October 03 as % of ² | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | | | | October 2002 | September 2003 |
| | Million Pounds | | | Percent | |
| Alabama | 4.5 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 80 | 111 |
| Arkansas | 6.3 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 95 | 110 |
| Florida | 7.1 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 78 | 103 |
| Georgia | 22.1 | 18.9 | 19.9 | 90 | 105 |
| Illinois | 260.3 | *210.3 | 233.4 | 90 | 111 |
| Indiana | 123.1 | 119.0 | 138.3 | 112 | 116 |
| Iowa | 578.9 | 561.2 | 615.2 | 106 | 110 |
| Kansas | 537.0 | 497.3 | 478.2 | 89 | 96 |
| Kentucky | 43.7 | 42.8 | 48.0 | 110 | 112 |
| Louisiana | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 86 | 118 |
| Minnesota | 212.8 | 198.0 | 220.0 | 103 | 111 |
| Mississippi | 28.3 | 26.6 | 29.1 | 103 | 110 |
| Missouri | 38.1 | 37.2 | 42.2 | 111 | 113 |
| Nebraska | 711.9 | 638.4 | 616.8 | 87 | 97 |
| North Carolina | 190.8 | 176.2 | 211.8 | 111 | 120 |
| Oklahoma | 90.9 | 83.6 | 92.8 | 102 | 111 |
| Pennsylvania | 120.0 | 108.2 | 113.7 | 95 | 105 |
| South Carolina | 22.4 | 20.2 | 22.4 | 100 | 111 |
| Tennessee | 23.1 | 22.0 | 25.1 | 108 | 114 |
| Texas | 450.3 | 441.8 | 407.4 | 90 | 92 |
| Virginia | 76.1 | 52.0 | 72.8 | 96 | 140 |
| United States | 4,382.1 | *4007.7 | 4,154.0 | 95 | 104 |

* Revised.

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

Upland Cotton and Rice: Prices Received and Marketings,
United States, November 2003, with Comparisons

| Item | Unit | September 2003 ¹ | October 2003 ¹ | November 2003 ² |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cotton, Upland | | | | |
| Average Price | Dollar/Pound | 0.557 | 0.680 | 0.641 |
| Marketings ³ | 1,000 Bales | 769 | 1,783 | NA |
| Rice | | | | |
| Average Price | Dollars/Cwt | 6.13 | 6.44 | 6.49 |
| Marketings ⁴ | 1,000 Cwt | 15,923 | 19,247 | NA |

¹ Entire month.

² Based on purchases for the first half of the month.

³ Expanded data from sample of about 65 percent of buyers.

⁴ Purchases by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped by cooperatives.

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, November 2003 with Comparisons

| Commodity | Unit | November 2002 Entire Month | | October 2003 Entire | | November 2003 Mid-Month | |
|------------------|------|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | | MS | US | MS | US | MS | US |
| Dollars | | | | | | | |
| Corn | bu | --- | 2.28 | --- | 2.12 | --- | 2.24 |
| Cotton, Upland | lb | .426 ¹ | .430 | .688 | .680 | .620 | .641 |
| Sorghum, grain | cwt | --- | 4.40 | --- | 3.99 | --- | 4.09 |
| Soybeans | bu | 5.42 | 5.46 | 6.74 | 6.61 | 7.30 | 7.37 |
| Winter Wheat | bu | --- | 4.18 | --- | 3.37 | --- | 3.64 |
| Rice, Rough | cwt | --- | 3.70 | --- | 6.44 | --- | 6.49 |
| All Milk | cwt | --- | 11.90 | --- | 15.00 | --- | 14.90 |
| Fluid | cwt | --- | 11.90 | --- | 15.00 | --- | 14.90 |
| Manufacturing | cwt | --- | 10.70 | --- | 14.70 | --- | 14.60 |
| All Beef Cattle | cwt | --- | 67.30 | --- | 92.00 | --- | 93.20 |
| Cows | cwt | --- | 33.00 | --- | 44.90 | --- | 46.70 |
| Calves | cwt | --- | 91.90 | --- | 113.00 | --- | 112.00 |
| Steers & Heifers | cwt | --- | 71.90 | --- | 97.80 | --- | 99.70 |
| All Hogs | cwt | --- | 27.80 | --- | 36.80 | --- | 34.80 |
| Barrows & Gilts | cwt | --- | 28.10 | --- | 37.10 | --- | 35.00 |
| Sows | cwt | --- | 20.80 | --- | 30.90 | --- | 30.00 |
| Broilers, Live | lb | --- | .280 | --- | .370 | --- | .370 |
| Market Eggs | doz | .580 ² | .559 ² | .700 ² | .703 ² | .920 | .926 |

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.² Mid-month prices.